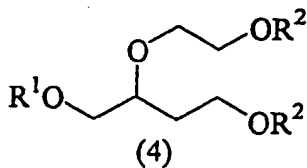


ABSTRACT

A compound of the following formula



or its optically active compound, wherein R¹ and R² are different from each other and each is a group selected from a silyl ether-protecting group, a phenyl-substituted methyl-protecting group, and an acetal-protecting group, such that R² is removable by a deprotection reaction that does not remove R¹, is useful an intermediate for preparing an antidiabetic having protein C inhibiting activity.